

Goat

Incident

Information

LMU 1817

8 miles NW of Susanville,
Lassen County

CDF Incident Commander was Bob Sheehy. The Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit maintained local command and support functions on the Goat Incident, utilizing the Incident Command System. It has been determined that the timber fire was started by an abandoned campfire, which began Wednesday, July 18 at 1 p.m. and is 100% contained. Full containment was attained at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19th, and the fire was declared controlled at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25th. Local CDF fire crews will continue to mop-up and patrol the Goat Fire for several weeks, due to smoldering heavy ground fuels inside the burn. The control efforts were hampered by steep ground and spotting up to 1 mile away due to extreme fire danger.

6.5 miles of fire line have been constructed, utilizing 80,000 feet of fire hose. The fire burned 1,117 acres of commercial timberland, near Goat Mt. on both sides of Hwy 44, 3 miles west of Hwy 36. The main body of the fire was between Hwy 44 and County Road A-1 (Eagle Lake Rd.). State Hwy 44 and Lassen County Road A-1 are now open to two way traffic. The estimated suppression costs for this incident are \$2.5 million. Losses to the privately owned timber are estimated at \$1.5 million.

A thinning silvicultural treatment of forest lands in the area of the Goat Fire in 1988 by Roseburg Resources (lands currently owned by Sierra Pacific Industries), allowed an effective and aggressive direct attack on the flanks of the fire. This attack prevented the loss of any structures within the Lake Forest Estates. Residents of the community of Lake Forest Estates, were evacuated by local law enforcement personnel for a 24 hour period, when the fire threatened to overrun the timbered subdivision. The former timberland owner, Roseburg Resources, constructed a 1000' shaded fuelbreak, completely around the 160 acre Lake Forest Estates in 1990, which aided fire crews in the protection efforts during the height of the fire's advance.

Resources included 1129 personnel, 85 fire engines, 13 bulldozers, 42 crews, 8 helicopters, 6 air tankers and 15 water tenders. Structure protection engines were released Thursday evening, July 20th, and demobilization of all out of area fire crews was completed by Tuesday, July 25th; many of the hand crews and fire engines were reassigned to other wildland fire incidents

Cooperating agencies are BLM, LNF, CHP, Lassen SO, CalTrans, NPS, CDC and Local Government.

There were three non-burn minor injuries reported by firefighters during the eight day incident..

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